

CAPTURED BANNER RETURNED TO OHIO

Presented by Alabama Confederates to Representatives of Governor Cox.

FEATURE OF U. C. V. REUNION

Bright Weather Prevails, and Thousands of Visitors Pour Into Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 6.—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—The return of a captured battle flag to a delegation of Ohio Union veterans, and a multiplicity of social diversions were features of the formal opening here to-day of the United Confederate Veterans' twenty-fourth annual reunion. Bright weather prevailed throughout the day, and thousands of visitors poured into the city to participate in and witness the reunion.

No feature of the day surpassed the simple ceremony attending the presentation to-night of a seventy-sixth Ohio battle flag to personal representatives of Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio, by Colonel D. M. Scott, commander of Camp Jones, United Confederate Veterans of Alabama, and Mrs. T. Randolph Leitch, of Montgomery. The flag was captured by the First Arkansas Regiment of Confederate soldiers at the battle of Ringold Gap in 1862, and later was turned over to the Alabama veterans.

Governor Cox sent George F. Burba, of Columbus, Ohio, and a delegation of five Union veterans to receive the flag. In the letter which they brought from the Governor of Ohio, an invitation was extended to the Confederate veterans to hold their next reunion on the State House grounds at Columbus.

CONFEDERATES INVITED

Governor Cox's letter in part follows: "I regret that the exigencies of my office are such that it is impossible for me to be with you at this time. The State of Ohio, however, sends a committee of five to the reunion of 1861-65 to receive at your hands a battle flag which you secured from them at Ringold Gap, Ga., in 1863. They have been instructed to bring it to the State of Ohio, to the Governor, where it will be forever preserved as an emblem of their heroism in defending it in the name of the people of Ohio. I thank you for the return of this battle flag. Should you see fit, we will welcome you to hold your next reunion in the State House grounds, and we will conduct you to the shrine where it will hang this priceless fabric."

Veterans and members of allied organizations were welcome to the city and State by Governor Park Trammell, Representative Frank Clark and Mayor Van C. Swearingen. Responses were made by General Benoit H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and General George P. Harrison, commander of the Department of Tennessee.

REFERENCE TO IMPENDING CRISIS IN MEXICO BY SPEAKERS

References to the impending crisis in Mexico were made in the welcoming speeches of both Governor Trammell and Representative Clark.

"Veterans and friends," said Governor Trammell, "Floridians are loyal to the Stars and Stripes, and are ever ready to sustain the Union and the Republic. To-day in the life of our nation, and in the search of progress for the upbuilding of the greatest country on the globe, we know no North, no South, no East or West, but we are united in the common purpose and a common destiny. The bitterness of yesterday, engendered by the civil strife, is but a memory, and we now esteem, respect and appreciate the heroes of the North, as our friends, our neighbors and fellow Americans."

"The city of Jacksonville and the State of Florida have entertained many important guests, and have welcomed them as friends. But veterans, we do not welcome you as friends—you are our own people—the same red blood courses through our veins; on the battlefields upon which you poured your life blood, Floridians, too, gave their life blood. We are Southerners; our sentiments are Southern and the history and traditions of the South are entwined eternally around our lives."

"We honor you, veterans, not only because you went forth in defense of our land, but as well for your loyalty and courage and energy in bringing back to life, prosperity and influence in our Southern land."

NO NATION GREATER RIGHT THAN AMERICAN REPUBLIC

"Every nation boasts of its soldiers and brave deeds, but no nation has a greater right to respect and honor its soldiers than the American Republic. To-day, as war is impending in the far southwest the fire of patriotism is burning at white heat within the breasts of our Southern people, and at a moment's call we would gladly rally to the flag and again, undaunted, face death upon the battlefield."

"Veterans, sons and daughters of the Confederacy, you will find here a congenial spirit and good fellowship. May you stay here full of pleasure and may you long remember with fond recollections your visit to the Land of Flowers."

REPRESENTATIVE CLARK DECLARED THAT "THE HOPE OF THE SOUTH IS ONLY WAITING FOR A SUMMONS, AND IF IT SHOULD UNHAPPILY COME, OUR FULL QUOTA WILL BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED, AND NO BRAVER TROOPS WILL MARCH TO THE ATTACK OF THE HUERTA SOLDIERS THAN THE SONS OF THOSE WHO FIFTY YEARS AGO UNBLOODEDLY FOLLOWS THE FORTUNES OF THE STARS AND STRIPES."

YOUNG PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO SOLDIERS OF FLORIDA

In his response, General Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, paid high tribute to the soldiers of Florida who participated in the War Between the States as Confederate soldiers.

"Proportionately headed," he said, "no State sent more men to the ranks of the Confederacy. In 1860 Florida had only 78,000 white people, and yet she sent eleven regiments of infantry and organized for local defense almost as many more."

"It is a great pleasure for the survivors of the Confederate army to meet here in the metropolis of Florida. We

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SUFFRAGE BILL DEFEATED

House of Lords Rejects Measure by Vote of 104 to 60.

London, May 6.—The woman's suffrage bill was rejected to-night by the House of Lords by a vote of 104 to 60. Baron Courtney, of Penwith, the Earl of Bessborough, Viscount of Salisbury and Lord Alton of Liverpool, all of whom spoke for the bill, while Lord Curzon, the Marquis of Crewe and Viscount St. Aldwyn spoke against it.

Viscount St. Aldwyn said demands for the extension of the parliamentary franchise to women were based on the results obtained in those States of the United States where it had been tried, did not apply in the United Kingdom, because in the States men were in the majority, while in the British Isles they were in the minority.

Consequently, he said, the granting of the parliamentary vote to women in the British Isles would mean the handing over of the destinies of the country and of the empire to a female electorate, which, he said, was a perilous step to take.

Among those who voted for the bill were Viscount Morley of Blackburn, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishops of London, Hereford, Bangor and Asaph.

Those who voted against the bill included the Marquis of Lansdown, Viscount Esher, Lord Curzon, Lord Salisbury and the Earl of Hereford.

LORIMER BECOMES CATHOLIC

Decision, He Says, Is Made After Prolonged Struggle.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—Chicago, May 6.—William Lorimer, former United States Senator, president of the LaSalle Street National Bank, and for years one of the most prominent politicians of the State of Illinois, was received into the Catholic Church by the Very Rev. Father Xavier Sinton, C. S. C., in the service chapel of the LaSalle Street National Bank, last night.

The ceremony, which followed the public life of the late Senator, was the conversion of a matter of public interest.

"For more than fifteen years I have read every book on the subject of religion," he said, "and I could not find one that I felt at last that the only thing for me to do was to become a Catholic. I have traveled over the same route that many others have gone. I did not find a single man who was a Catholic, but I felt compelled to investigate, and the deeper my researches the more I was convinced that I was right. So I am a Catholic in spite of myself."

RUSH BANK ORGANIZATION

Committee Anxious to Facilitate Inclusion of Reserve Banks.

Washington, May 6.—Notice was given by the reserve bank organization to-day that expedition would be required in the creating of the reserve banks. The committee not later than May 5 will designate five banks to be included in the organization. The committee will execute the organization certificates provided for by law. To facilitate the incorporation of the reserve banks, the representatives of the five banks designated will meet in the reserve city of each district as soon as practicable. This done, the committee will become member banks and will at once select directors, who, in turn, will choose the directors in the reserve banks.

The organization committee will divide the country into five districts, each being of similar financial strength. Two of these groups will be fixed by the organization committee and the other three by the Federal Reserve Board when it is organized.

FAIL TO FIND MISSING BOAT

Search Continues for Men Who Left Burning Steamer at Sea.

Booth Harbor, Maine, May 6.—Several boats to-day and to-night had failed up to a late hour to add to the list of twenty-seven known survivors of the burned liner Colombian. The total of known dead remained at three.

The search for the missing boat continued to-day. The searchers reported that a small boat with a chief and second officer and a crew of twenty-four men was seen at midnight. The boat was seen to be on fire, and the searchers were unable to reach it. The boat still was the object of search to-night.

On account of other boats which put off from the Colombian were safely aboard other vessels. The steamer was seen to be on fire, and the searchers were unable to reach it. The boat still was the object of search to-night.

MAY CREATE BIG MORTGAGE

Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway.

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BAER ESTATE TO FAMILY

Widow, Daughters and Grandchildren Are Principal Beneficiaries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—Reading, Pa., May 6.—The estate of George F. Baer, late president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, is to be divided among his widow, five daughters and his grandchildren, according to the terms of his will. The estate is valued at several million dollars. There were no public bequests of any kind.

ECCLES MINE IS SEALED

Fourteen Bodies Remain in Workings.

Eccles, W. Va., May 6.—Mine No. 5 of the New River Collieries Company was sealed late to-day after 153 bodies have been removed. Fourteen bodies remain in the workings, and will not be taken out until the mine has been cleared of debris. A coroner's jury was impaneled and the taking of testimony to fix the responsibility for the explosion was begun.

FALLS TO HER DEATH

Wife of Mexican Minister to Costa Rica Killed by Fall from Window.

New York, May 6.—Mrs. Louise Ritcher, wife of Louis Ritcher, Mexican minister to Costa Rica, fell from a window of the Hotel de Ville apartment house here to-day, and was impaled on a picket fence. She died in a hospital. Her husband is in Costa Rica. Mrs. Ritcher was twenty-nine years old.

Mrs. Newsome Ready to Serve

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—New York, May 6.—Mrs. Ella K. Newsome, the famous war nurse of the Confederacy, offered her services to-day at the age of threescore years and ten in case of war with Mexico.

Mrs. Newsome, whose praises are sung by soldiers both of the North and South, is the special care of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Orders to Recruit Regiments.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 6.—Orders to recruit the 10th and 11th Missouri National Guard up to their full strength of 180 men were received to-day by Adjutant-General O'Leary from the War Department. There now are about 3,800 fully equipped guardsmen.

CHURCH CONSIDERS VANDERBILT CASE

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ANOTHER REVERSE FOR LEO M. FRANK

Judge Hill Denies Pleas of Alleged Murderer for New Trial.

Atlanta, Ga., May 6.—Denial of the defense plea for a new trial for Leo M. Frank, the factory superintendent under sentence of death for the murder of fourteen-year-old Mary Phagan, was made here to-day by Benjamin H. Hill, judge of the Supreme Court.

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